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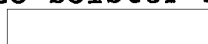
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Druze leader Walid Junblatt told Ambassador Bartholomew last Monday that he believes President Gemayel is blocking implementation of the security plan and preparing for another round of fighting. Junblatt claims that he would accept the plan if the Lebanese Army moved out of two key positions on the Alayh ridgeline and promoted the Druze and Muslim officers who were recently passed over.

- This is the first indication that the Druze believe the Lebanese Government may be trying to undermine the proposed plan. 

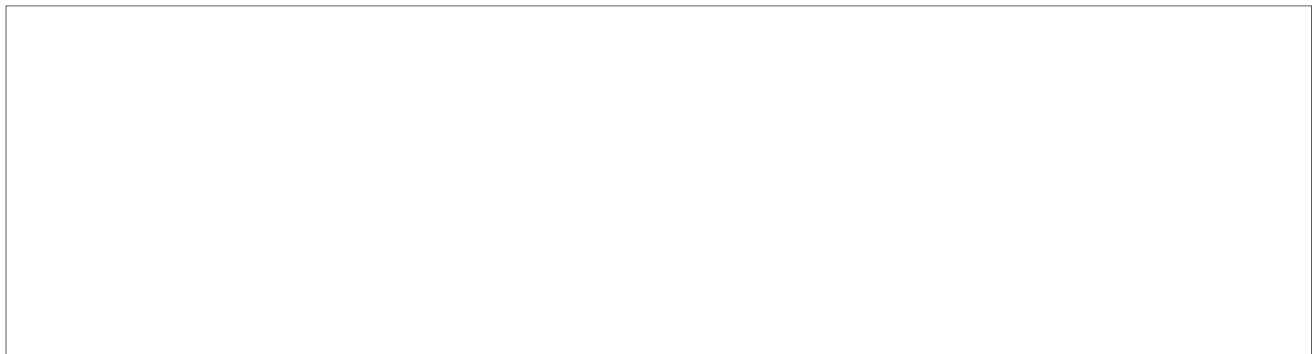
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Junblatt reportedly is going to Moscow today at the invitation of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party to discuss the situation in Lebanon.

- Junblatt's visit is probably intended to bolster his image as a Lebanese political figure. 

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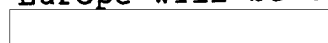
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-  US personnel or facilities in West Europe will be targets of Iranian-sponsored terrorism. 

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The new President of Aramco, a Saudi, has told the US Consul in Dhahran that stronger security measures have been implemented at Aramco installations as a result of the theft of Aramco ID cards and vehicle decals. The US Consul believes that security at some installations is still inadequate. [REDACTED]

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An official of the Saudi Foreign Ministry has asked the US Embassy in Jidda to request increased security for Saudi facilities in the US against terrorist operations. The Saudis have asked to be informed of specific steps taken. [REDACTED]

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The US plans to send 40 Marines and 24 Stinger hand-held surface-to-air missiles to US naval forces near Lebanon and in the Persian Gulf region this weekend to counter Iranian military and terrorist threats. Plans call for Stinger teams to be in Bahrain by Sunday. [REDACTED]

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